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SUBJECT Departures of Troops; Personnel at the Ulmen (5481), Barnstorf (5482), and Infanterie (5483) Kasernen; and Equipment in the Rostock Area

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which gives information on the following: (1) Departure of troops from Rostock on 17 March 1958, (2) Soviet personnel at the Ulmen Kaserne, and East German Army personnel at the Barnstorf and Infanterie Kasernen, (3) Soviet vehicles at the Ulmen Kaserne. A sketch of the one-axled trailer carrying a barrel or tube, referred to in Para. 4, is also included.

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EAST GERMANYMILITARYSoviet activity in ROSTOCK(17 Mar - 24 Apr 58)

1. The official departure of certain troops in ROSTOCK took place on 17 Mar 58. After the official ceremonies the 1200 troops that were drawn up in the THAELMANN Square marched to ROSTOCK railway station, where approximately 200 men (black/red sbds.) entrained into a waiting train. The train consisted of 8 M-waggon and 6-7 flats, on which howitzers, 122 mm., model 38, were loaded.
2. The remaining 1000 men marched from the station to the barracks in ULMEN Strasse (BS 5481). No further departures of troops from this barracks have been observed.
3. As at 8 May 58 the above barracks was occupied by Russian troops, whilst the barracks at the KOPEERNIKUS and MEMELER Strasse (BS 5483 and 5482) had been vacated by the Russians and completely occupied by the E.G.A.
4. On 24 Apr 58, at 1545 hours, the following Russian vehicles drove into the Russian barracks at Ulmen Strasse, travelling via MASSMANN Strasse:

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1 x jeep.
3 x ZIS-151, with box bodies.
7 x ZIS-151, open bodies, each with a one-axled trailer carrying a barrel or tube of the following description (see attached sketch):

Length - approximately 2 metres; diameter (including the thickness of the metal) - 15-16 cms. The barrel was of uniform thickness throughout its length and had a canvas cover at each end. The barrel was loaded horizontally on the trailer and rested on two "U"-shaped metal supports. The wheels of the trailer, which were situated in the middle, immediately under the middle of the barrel, had single pneumatic tyres of larger than normal size, somewhat similar to aircraft tyres.

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